End of Days

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His mercies have no end.

Lamentations 3:22

Happy Easter

May your heart bloom with love and your basket be full of blessings.

From your brother..,

The One Who Promised. Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus–the One who never abandoned us, but remained by our side wherever we went, taking us by the hand and leading us.

For us who are living in these last days, the Scriptures reveal the following: "His mercies never come to an end." (Lamentations 3:22)

He shows mercy to His children in a way He shows to no one else. Therefore, take stock of where you are and turn back. Turn away from the parched earth and the dried-up streams. Cast aside fear and terror. Wait patiently for God's mercy.

We stand in need of God's mercy to be completely cleansed from our sins. Let us live our lives earnestly pursuing God's mercy, let us receive His mercy anew each day. Indeed, the very fact that we are alive is solely due to God's mercy.

Your brother in the service of Christ.

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A friend's love may one day come to an end. The affection of relatives may be severed. The love a mother shows her child may change. However, God's mercy never changes. There is no end to this ineffable mercy. It is an inexhaustible ocean; a sun that never sets. At times, it may seem as though it has ceased to exist; it may appear as though no good can flow from it. Yet, it remains as radiant and majestic as ever. Such is God's mercy.

My friend, today He has shown you mercy. Even now, He has demonstrated a tender love toward you. He bestows His grace abundantly. He shows mercy to no one else quite as He does to His own children. Therefore, take stock of where you stand, and turn back. Turn away from the parched earth and the dried-up streams. Cast aside your fears and terrors. Wait patiently for God's mercy. Did not Jesus Christ, upon seeing that His followers had no food to eat, feel deep compassion for them? He will feel that same compassion for you. He will sustain you in your weaknesses. He will dispel your sorrows. He will strengthen your soul. He will receive you into His glory. For His mercies never cease. This declaration is an immutable truth. You, too, shall always receive His mercy. The Scriptures declare that His mercies have no end; and that truth shall never prove false.

"God, who is rich in mercy." Ephesians 2:4: The plight resulting from our sin is great; yet, it is not as great as God's mercy. Our afflictions are many; God's mercy serves as the remedy for them all. Mercy is a wealth that God possesses, and He bestows it upon His people. It is the kindness He extends to His children who are suffering. It is through this mercy that He truly discerns and empathizes with our afflictions. In the Old Testament, it is recorded that regarding His people—in all their distress—He Himself was distressed; and the Angel of His Presence saved them. Out of His love and His compassion, He redeemed them, and throughout all the days of old, He bore them and carried them.

The noun "mercy" signifies the act of showing kindness, a sense of compassion, and a desire to alleviate the suffering of others.

When Paul refers to a "merciful heart," he draws our attention away from the realms of science or pure logic toward a deeper, more intimate experience. "Kindness" and "mercy" are terms we encounter daily; they describe the feelings that arise within us when we witness the physical, mental, or emotional pain experienced by others. When the bond between the sufferer and ourselves is particularly strong, we term this experience "empathy." It is akin to stepping into the sufferer's shoes—or even crawling beneath their skin—until we feel as though our emotions have merged completely with theirs. When confronted with need and suffering, our compassion manifests as a response of heartfelt concern. We perceive the world through their eyes and feel it through their hearts; this shared sensibility emanates from the depths of our inner being.

Since we were created in the image of God (Genesis 1:27), we endeavor to comprehend His divine nature by reflecting upon our own individual attributes—seeking to discern what God Himself must be like. By setting aside our own limitations and magnifying the divine qualities we have come to understand—extending them to an infinite scale—we begin to grasp the flawless, personal nature of God. The true and living God is a Being of deep sensibility; He, too, possesses and expresses emotions just as we do. He laughs (Psalm 2:4); He feels sorrow (Genesis 6:6); He detests evil (Psalm 5:5); and He is full of tenderness and mercy (Psalm 103:8).

The Bible declares that God is eternal, holy, righteous, benevolent, wise, omnipotent, and loving. Because He is loving, He is merciful. These adjectives and attributes signify God's divine qualities. This is akin to how we conceive of the character of a merciful human being. If one were to view God while stripping away His mercy, He would no longer appear as the universal God, but merely as a personal deity who interacted specifically with individuals like Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. If God's mercy were removed from the equation, He would appear to experience emotions—such as joy, sorrow, suffering, compassion, and love—in the very same way that we do. Were mercy to be excised from God's nature, the entire Bible would have to be rewritten; indeed, if our understanding of the divine nature were thus revised, the very foundations of theology would be turned upside down. However, mercy is an inseparable attribute; it occupies a central place among God's characteristics. He is a loving and caring God. Consequently—since Jesus represents the ultimate revelation of the God of the Old Testament—He stands as the very embodiment of mercy.

"Indeed, we count those blessed who endure. You have heard of the endurance of Job and have seen the outcome of the Lord's dealings, that the Lord is full of compassion and mercy." (James 5:11).

Through God's deeds and His promises, believers of the Old Testament were taught to be merciful themselves. The writers of the Old Testament have consistently shed light upon the boundless mercy of God. In his prayer, King David declared: "But You, O Lord, are a God full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness" (Psalm 86:15). The Prophet Isaiah wrote: "For a brief moment I forsook you;

But with great compassion I will gather you. In a surge of anger I hid My face from you for a moment; yet with everlasting kindness I will have compassion on you," says the Lord, your Redeemer… "Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, My unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor My covenant of peace be removed," says the Lord, who has compassion on you" (Isaiah 54:7-10). Furthermore, the Prophet Micah wrote: "He will again have compassion on us; He will tread our iniquities underfoot and cast all our sins into the depths of the sea." Such passages found in the Bible reveal to God's people a profound insight into the very heart of God.

In the beginning, God established a world of absolute wholeness and peace. However, because that world was shattered by the disobedience of Adam and Eve, God chose to reconstruct this state of peace—known as *Shalom*—through His chosen nation, Israel. Had Israel obeyed God's laws of mercy, their society would have been a truly joyful place for both men and women within our fallen world.

The Hebrew word for "peace"—*Shalom*—possesses such profound depth of meaning that it is virtually untranslatable. As envisioned by the Psalmist in Psalm 85:10, this society would have been a *Shalom* community—an ordered way of life overflowing with joy, justice, piety, love, and care. Yet, God's people failed to attain God's lofty and loving ideal. The Prophet Isaiah describes a disobedient nation plagued by both social injustice and spiritual sickness (Isaiah 1:5–7). Through the sorrowful grace of divine discipline, Israel was repeatedly brought to submission.

Although the nation endured for over 450 years, the land of Israel was eventually conquered by invading foreign kingdoms. Thousands of God's people were taken captive and carried away as slaves to foreign lands. Nevertheless, through God's mercy, the exiled remnant of Israel eventually returned. They resolved not to repeat the sins committed by their forefathers. This legalistic era spanned a long period,

extending from 400 B.C. to 400 A.D. During this time, a majority of the Rabbis—who were both pious and learned—formulated a comprehensive body of rules and laws. Initially, these teachings were transmitted orally; later, they were committed to writing. These life-affirming laws, which had once brought joy, served as a source of spiritual guidance and blessing. (Psalm 119). Jesus Himself condemned the fact that these practices subsequently degenerated into mere ritualism (Matthew 23:13-14).

Indeed, legal experts, rabbis, religious teachers, and scribes proclaimed themselves to be—and functioned as—God's spiritual servants. Micah 6:8 states: "He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?" Similarly, many Israelites stood out as examples of godliness and virtue, loving God and doing good to their neighbors. Yet, taken as a whole, the Jewish people—oppressed by their rulers and burdened by the regulations of the Pharisees—came to view their very lives as an immense burden.

Economically impoverished and spiritually ignorant, they were "harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd" (Matthew 9:36). Yet, amidst this chaotic situation, Jesus—the God of mercy, the Son of God who became the Son of Man—arrived. He placed compassion at the very center of His ministry. Setting aside legalistic distortions and human cultural conventions, He focused His attention on the all-encompassing grace of God. Born a Jew and raised as a devout adherent of the faith, Christ knew that His Heavenly Father—the God of the Old Testament—was indeed a God of mercy. Our Savior and Master stood as the ultimate exemplar of compassionate love toward one's neighbor. Writing to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 13) regarding this very subject, Paul affirmed that, among all virtues, love reigns supreme.

Genesis 19:16 — But Lot hesitated. Therefore, because the Lord showed him mercy, the angels took hold of Lot’s hand—as well as the hands of his wife and his two daughters—and safely led them out of the city.

It is within the narrative of Lot that the word "mercy" makes its very first appearance in the Bible. Abraham’s nephew had risen to a position of great prominence in a city that, at the time, stood as one of the most wicked places on earth. Since the city was utterly submerged in sin, its destruction was imminent. Before the city was annihilated, God dispatched His own angels to evacuate Lot and his family from the place. What is noteworthy here is that Lot hesitated to depart—he had no desire to leave the city behind. Nevertheless, because God is abounding in mercy... The angels forcibly dragged them out! (As is mentioned later in the Scriptures) God withheld His judgment until this "righteous man" was delivered from that place.

God's mercy is boundless. It flows through the Savior. It is glorified by soothing our sorrows, remedying our deficiencies, forgiving our sins, dispelling our griefs, and bringing us back when we have gone astray. Beloved, on this day, God is rich in mercy. He has mercy for you. He possesses the very mercy you need. He declares, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." Trust His word. Plead for mercy in His presence. Ask Him to glorify His mercy in you. It should be sufficient encouragement for you to know that He is rich toward all who call upon Him. Therefore, today—trusting His word—honor Him.

6:1-14 United with Christ in Death and Resurrection:

V. 1. This is a question that was frequently put to Paul. The very same question was raised earlier in 3:7-8. If God has already accomplished everything necessary for our salvation–and if we are declared righteous not through good deeds, but solely by grace–why, then, should we strive to do good? If grace is extended even to the wicked and the godless, why should we resist sin? Indeed, if we sin all the more, will not grace abound even more? This is the question at hand.

Upon hearing this inquiry, Paul expresses his astonishment. He refutes it most emphatically. He reminds his readers of the very nature of the Christian life–a life of union. It is a life lived *with* Christ. We have transitioned from the human family–which was united with Adam–into a new family, one united with Christ. In the previous chapter, we read about this corporate nature of our identity. Paul reminds us of the truth encapsulated in the statement: "One died for all, and therefore all died" (2 Corinthians 5:14).

In the early Church, baptism occupied a place of central importance. As it was the nascent stage of the movement, it was primarily adults who, having heard, understood, and embraced the Christian faith, received baptism. [In Christian families, upon the birth of children, they were recognized as holy (1 Corinthians 7:14) and were, therefore, received through baptism.] Initially, baptism was administered by fully immersing the individual in water. The actions involved in this baptism symbolized dying, being buried, and rising to a new life. Paul serves as a reminder of this truth: one has become a "new man." Just as life begins anew when a child is born, one's life has now commenced afresh. In this new life, it is impossible to maintain a relationship with sin; for we have died to sin.

"In Christ" is a phrase frequently employed by Paul. Various terms–such as friend, son, or servant of Christ–may serve to describe the nature of our relationship with Him. However, all such relational roles exist, in a sense, *outside* of Christ. Just as we can survive only by remaining within the earth's atmosphere, and a fish can survive only by remaining within the water, so too does the Christian life endure only when the believer remains *within* Christ. We become fully integrated into Him. "If anyone is *in Christ*, he is a new creation" (2 Corinthians 5:17). One crucial distinction must be noted: it is specifically within the context of our earthly Christian life that we experience this reality of being *in* Christ. Non-Christian religious philosophies often assert that "the individual soul, upon death, merges inextricably and becomes one with the Supreme Soul." Paul, however, does not articulate it in this manner. In the future–in the life to come–we will not merely be *in* Christ, but rather *with* Christ (1 Thessalonians 4:17; Philippians 1:29).

The Body of Sin (v. 6):– Man functions as a slave, performing the bidding of the sin that has established itself within his physical body. Sin has chosen the natural body–composed of flesh and blood–as its dwelling place. Consequently, sin lays claim to all those who possess this natural body, asserting its ownership over them. When Christ took on human form, He entered into this realm of the physical body. Sin attempted to assert and establish its dominion over Him as well. In other words, just as we are all subjected to temptation, He too was tempted to commit sin. Rather than yielding to temptation and submitting to the dominion of sin, He submitted Himself to God. [Where Adam failed, the "Second Adam"–Christ–triumphed.] It was this very obedience to God that led Him all the way to death. He chose to die rather than to sin (Phil. 2:8). Consequently, His death marked the defeat of sin within the realm of the physical body. Anyone who has died with Christ also shares in Christ's victory; there is no longer any necessity for sin to exercise dominion over him. Nevertheless, he remains capable of allowing sin to reassert its rule. The Apostle therefore urges us to be vigilant, ensuring that sin does not once again reign within this physical body, which remains subject to the law of natural death (v. 12).

We must surrender our bodily members to God, offering them as instruments for His use. The Christian life is a life of active engagement. Some mistakenly believe that God desires only the inner soul. Yet, the Lord claims every single member of the human body as an instrument to be utilized by Him. We know that sin seeks to employ every part of the body as a channel through which to operate; we, however, must yield our bodily members to God so that He may use them instead. In this manner, the body becomes a sacred temple in which God Himself dwells.

Family Altar

Genesis 27:13: "His mother said to him, 'My son, let the curse that would come upon you fall upon me; just listen to my words, go, and bring them to me.'"

Jacob won his mother's affection. When Isaac grew old and the time came to bestow the family blessing upon his eldest son, Rebekah desired that this blessing should go to her younger son.

Just as Sarah, in her haste to receive the child promised by the Lord, gave Hagar to Abraham as a secondary wife, her daughter-in-law Rebekah, too–believing she was fulfilling the Lord's word regarding his descendants that "the older shall serve the younger"–engages in an act of deception. Partiality, deceit, falsehood, and manipulation–these were the traits that characterized the mother, Rebekah. Wait a minute! How many times have *you* lied to your husband for the sake of your children? How many times have you secretly covered up mistakes your children committed so that no one else would know? Rebekah was not the only one to commit this error; we, too, are doing the very same thing, aren't we?

Now, let us pause for a moment to consider whether Isaac acted as a good father in this situation. We have previously observed that Isaac was a man of prayer; when his wife was barren, rather than seeking another woman for himself, he interceded with God on her behalf–waiting twenty years–until he finally received the blessing of children.
But how did he go about raising them? While Rebekah favored Jacob, Isaac, for his part, displayed a one-sided partiality toward Esau. Because the meat Esau brought back from his hunts captivated his heart, Isaac sought to bestow his blessing upon Esau–a man who, having married two foreign women, had forfeited his eligibility for God's blessing and was instead wandering through the world in a secular, faithless manner.

Can God truly bless a family where there is no unity between husband and wife–a family where each spouse makes independent decisions and they live their lives deceiving one another?

As the head of the family, Isaac ought to have gathered his two sons and sought the presence of God. He, too, was aware that while the children were still in the womb, the Lord had declared to Rebekah that the older would serve the younger. He should have sought out the Lord Himself to understand the true meaning of this declaration. Instead, captivated by the food Esau had prepared for him, he desired to bestow his blessing upon Esau.

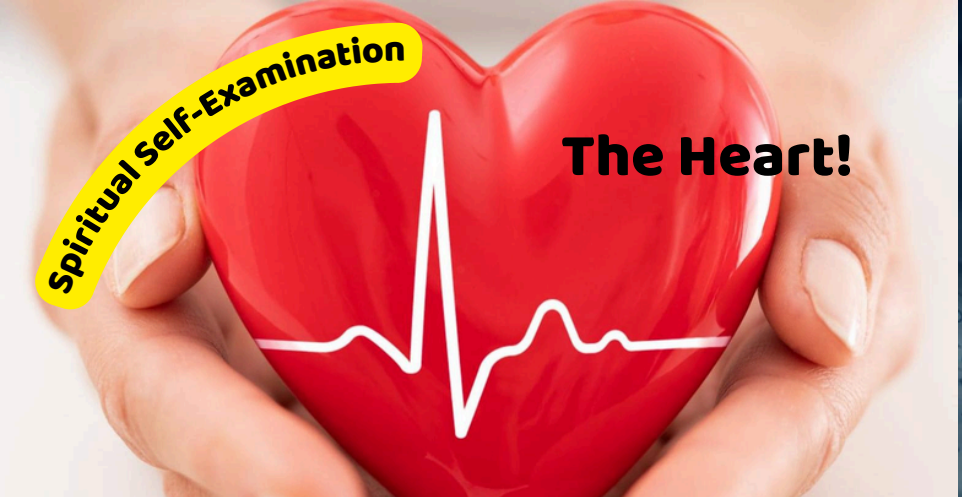
What actually happened? Esau—who had previously shown no respect for his own birthright—suddenly developed a keen interest in his father's blessing. Why? He knew that his mother favored Jacob; he likely reasoned that if he could secure his father's blessing, he would gain both wealth and authority. Then—he must have thought—they would see whom his mother truly loved! He rushed off to hunt; but before he could return, Rebekah intervened, enabling Jacob to deceive his father and secure the blessing.

Upon returning from the hunt, Esau realized that his mother and younger brother had conspired to deceive him; consumed by rage, he resolved to kill Jacob. Learning of this, Rebekah sent Jacob away to Haran. The Scriptures do not record that Jacob ever saw his mother's face again. Esau, too, eventually left the family home. When Rebekah passed away, neither of her sons was by her side.

What a tragedy! What joy did partiality, lies, manipulation, and deceit ever bring Rebekah? The household was torn apart by strife and murderous intent between her own sons. In the end, when she died, there was not a single child nearby to shed a tear for her. The seed of partiality she had sown ultimately bore a harvest of mistrust, bitterness, and vengeance.

Let the consequences of the deceit practiced by a mother—who belonged to a family that knew and worshipped God—serve as a solemn warning to us all!

A person who has no time to pray is, in effect, ready to commit sin. It implies that the more we neglect prayer, the closer our relationship becomes with sin. Prayer itself is the primary battle against sin.



2 Samuel 11:25: Then David said to the messenger, "Tell Joab: 'Do not let this matter distress you... but strengthen the battle and destroy the city.'"

The story of Uriah—which we are currently examining—stands as one of the most shocking incidents recorded in the Scriptures. As we trace the history of David, Bathsheba, and Uriah, the words David instructed the messenger to convey to his army general, Joab—upon receiving news from the battlefield—starkly reveal his ruthless nature.

Having heard the messenger's full report regarding the battle—including the news that Uriah the Hittite had been struck down and killed—David sent word to Joab, the commander of the army, instructing him not to be distressed over the outcome of the battle. Furthermore, in an attempt to portray Uriah's death as nothing more than a routine casualty of war, David remarked that "the sword devours one just as it devours another."

As we reflect upon these callous words, it is noteworthy that the original Hebrew text employs a verb to describe this "devouring" that is typically used to depict a lion devouring its prey. Such were the cruel words David chose to utter; it seems as though his heart had turned to stone!

This was the "reward" bestowed upon a faithful servant—a man who had unreservedly dedicated himself to the Lord, to his King, and to his fellow soldiers on the battlefield, giving no thought to his own safety or that of his family. Judging by David's words, it sounds as if Uriah's death were merely the result of his own carelessness—as if he had simply happened to stand in the wrong place at the wrong time!

Is this truly the same David—the man who, with a tender heart and through the gift of his music, once brought peace to King Saul when he was tormented by an evil spirit—who now, utterly devoid of mercy, attempts to gloss over a cold-blooded murder by portraying it as a mere, ordinary death? His mind remained completely unshaken by this murder—not even in the slightest!

Have you ever heard the Tamil word *suranaiyatra*? If we sustain an injury, the skin at that spot thickens and becomes devoid of sensation. The skin thickens precisely to protect our underlying bone.

At times, even our wounded hearts can become this numb. This is exactly what happened to David. But do you realize just how dangerous this condition is?

How can this be healed? — Ezekiel 36:26: "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh."

The only Physician capable of healing this is the Lord our God! The Lord is calling you to transform that numb, uncompassionate heart. The wounds inflicted upon your inner self may have left you bitter and rendered you numb. The Lord Jesus will heal your wounds, remove your hardened heart, and give you a tender heart in its place. Shall we turn to the Lord in prayer?

Daniel's undertaking was successful.

Beloved in Christ, I greet you all in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. When Nebuchadnezzar, the King of Babylon, laid siege to Jerusalem, Daniel was one of the young men chosen from among the children of Israel–specifically from the royal lineage–who were handsome in appearance, without any physical blemish, excelling in wisdom and knowledge, proficient in learning, and deemed capable of serving within the King's palace. The Scripture states that Daniel prospered in all his endeavors after being taken as a captive to Babylon [Daniel 6:28]. Let us meditate, through the lens of Scripture, upon the reasons why Daniel's endeavors were so successful.

1. A Life of Vision: Daniel was a young man of vision who clearly understood the purpose, will, and goal that God had ordained for his life. When the King's choice food and wine were served to him, Daniel–though but a youth–resolved not to defile himself by partaking of the King's delicacies. The Hebrews were accustomed to consuming meat and wine; however, the food offered to Daniel may have been meat previously sacrificed to idols, or it may have consisted of items that, according to the Law of Moses, would render him ritually unclean.

He stood firm in the resolve he had made in his heart–a determination to ensure that not even his diet would cause him to be defiled [Daniel 1:8-17]. Behold the depth of his genuine dedication! Daniel's life was not oriented toward an earthly king, but rather toward the King of Heaven. Daniel remained steadfast in his commitment to observing and walking in accordance with God's laws and commandments. Consequently, God granted him exceptional knowledge, understanding, and skill in all forms of literature and wisdom.

He became endowed with the wisdom to comprehend all visions and dreams. The Scripture declares: "Whatever you do, whether in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him" [Colossians 3:17]. When we were saved, we too may have made many resolutions, yet we often fail to remain steadfast in them. Like Daniel, let us stand firm in our resolutions and glorify King Jesus through our deeds.

2. A Pure Life (The Perfect Man):– The administrators and satraps of Babylon sought grounds to accuse Daniel in the administration of the kingdom, yet, they were unable to find any grounds for accusation or any fault. Because he was faithful, no charge or defect could be found against him [Daniel 6:2]. Behold what a wonderful testimony this is! The Scriptures state that because he was found blameless before God, God sent His angel to shut the mouths of the lions [Daniel 6:22]. Daniel's pure life drew even the King to the lions' den. For He chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love [Ephesians 1:4]. There is no glory merely in claiming to be Christians, rather, those who observe us must be able to see the likeness of Christ within us.

Our lives should bear witness, testifying that we are faithful and blameless individuals. The Scriptures declare: "My eyes shall be on the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me." A faithful man shall receive abundant blessings [Psalm 101:6, Proverbs 28:20]. God desires that truth reside within our hearts. Let us therefore preserve our entire being–spirit, soul, and body–so that it may be found blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

3. A Zealous Prayer Life (The Prayer Warrior):– Daniel was recognized as a mighty prayer warrior and a devoted worshiper. Even when King Darius issued a decree mandating that anyone who offered a petition to any god other than the King himself be cast into the lions' den, Daniel remained zealous in offering his petitions to the Living God. No circumstance ever caused a setback in Daniel's prayer life. Even though the King and the officials sought grounds to find fault with him, Daniel went into his house –where the windows in his upper chamber opened toward Jerusalem–and, just as he had done previously, he knelt down before his God three times a day to pray and give thanks [Daniel 6:10]. This experience, when Daniel was cast into the lions' den, compelled King Darius himself to declare: "The God whom you serve continually is able to deliver you."

Daniel's prayer shook the very heavens. The Scriptures declare that he was "greatly beloved" by the Lord, indeed, the divine decree went forth the very moment he began to plead [Daniel 9:23]. Daniel's prayer revealed God's power and majesty within the land of Babylon. Furthermore–from a purely worldly perspective–it elevated Daniel, a mere captive, to the position of governor over the entire province of Babylon [Daniel 2]. Beloved in Christ, how stands our own prayer life? Do we pray merely out of a sense of duty?

Or do we look to God solely for the fulfillment of our personal needs? The Scriptures admonish us: "Pray without ceasing," and "Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving" [Colossians 4:2]. Prayer is our very lifeblood, without prayer, there can be no victory. When our knees remain firmly planted in prayer, neither the world nor Satan can ever prevail against us. Let us, like Daniel, become fervent warriors of prayer and shake the very foundations of our nation!

4. A Life Possessing a Special Spirit (The Holy Spirit): The Scriptures state that Daniel possessed a "special spirit"—namely, the Holy Spirit [Daniel 5:11, 6:3]. Because Daniel was endowed with the Spirit of God, no king of Babylon was able to overcome him. Through the power of the Holy Spirit dwelling within him, Daniel was able to reveal dreams and mysteries to three kings: Nebuchadnezzar, Belshazzar, and Darius. Our Heavenly Father has given us the Holy Spirit—the Comforter—to teach us all things. The Scriptures affirm that our Heavenly Father will most certainly give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him [Luke 11:13]. With the aid of God's Holy Spirit, the Apostles performed supernatural signs and wonders. Shall we, then, consecrate ourselves to God as temples in which His Spirit may dwell? It is only when the Spirit—who dwells and works within us—is with us that we can be strengthened to live holy lives and bear witness to Him until the very end. The Holy Spirit helps us in our weaknesses. Let us wait in God's presence and receive the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Let us become those who accomplish mighty deeds with the assistance of the Holy Spirit.

5. A Life of Steadfast Faith: Daniel's faith rested upon the mighty God—the very One who created the lions themselves. Consequently, he had no fear of the lions' den. It was his life of faith that compelled King Darius—after Daniel had been cast into the lions' den—to declare: "Your God, whom you serve continually, is able to deliver you." The Scripture states that because Daniel placed his faith in God, no harm was found upon him [Daniel 6:23]. "I pray earnestly, I perform God's ministries—why, then, do I face so many problems?" Many of us often lament in this manner. Beloved in Christ, the experience of the lions' den brought victory to Daniel. The Scripture declares that our faith is the victory that overcomes the world. Faith without works is dead. Our God is indeed capable of delivering Daniel without ever sending him into the lions' den. However, had He done so, King Darius and the people of Babylon would not have been able to witness God's power and majesty.

King Darius glorified God, declaring: "He is the living God and He endures forever, He is the Deliverer and Rescuer—the very One who saved Daniel from the power of the lions—and He performs signs and wonders in the heavens and on the earth" [Daniel 6:26, 27]. The Scripture states: "The righteous shall live by faith, but if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him" [Hebrews 10:38]. Daniel's faith was manifested in action. Let us, too—when hardships and tribulations surround us—remain steadfast in our faith and reveal the glory of God.

Daniel's fervent prayer life, unwavering faith, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit led him to live a life of purity and vision. It was precisely this that turned Daniel's circumstances into triumphs. The Scripture declares: "He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap, He seats them with princes and enables them to inherit a throne of glory" [1 Samuel 2:8]. Daniel, too, faced adversaries in his life: Nebuchadnezzar, who ordered the execution of all the wise men in the land if they failed to interpret his dream, and King Darius, who cast him into the lions' den because he worshipped God. Yet, with the help of the God of Heaven, Daniel overcame them all. God elevated Daniel—a young man who had arrived in Babylon as a captive—to the position of chief administrator over the entire kingdom of Babylon. In every struggle, the name of God was glorified through Daniel. Let us pause and reflect: Do the struggles in my own life glorify the name of God, or do they bring reproach upon it?

Beloved in Christ, if the Heavenly God is with us, no circumstance can harm us. It is due to our lack of faith that we look at our circumstances and become afraid. Let us learn—like Daniel—to face and overcome any situation without fear, relying instead on prayer, steadfast faith, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. When we surrender ourselves completely to God, there is no doubt that our endeavors, too, will turn into triumphs. May the Lord Jesus Christ cause each one of us to overflow with both spiritual and material blessings. Amen.

What changes would occur in our body if we drank one gallon (approximately 3.7 liters) of water every day?

Come, let's find out.

Day 1: Initially, you will find yourself running to the bathroom frequently. Your body, taken aback by the sudden influx of so much water—as if thinking, "What on earth is this? It looks like a flood!"—will attempt to flush it out. You may also feel slightly bloated.

Day 7: Your kidneys will adapt to this change. They will begin purifying your blood like a high-speed machine. Dark spots on your face will start to fade, and your eyes will look brighter.

Day 14: Your energy levels will skyrocket. That afternoon slump—the fatigue that typically hits around 3 PM—will be a thing of the past. Your brain will become sharper, and any mental fog or confusion will dissipate like mist.

Day 30: Joint pain will vanish. The cartilage in our joints is composed of 80% water. Now that it is well-cushioned, those "clicking" or "popping" sounds you hear in your joints while walking will disappear. Your digestion will also function flawlessly.

Day 60: Your skin will begin to glow. Your neighbors will start asking, "What cream are you using?" As your body's metabolism accelerates, you will burn more calories even while simply sitting down.

Day 90: You will be amazed when you look in the mirror! You will look five years younger. All your bodily organs will begin to function at their full potential.

This is not merely about drinking water; it is akin to rejuvenating your entire body from the inside out.

Steps to Success

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Many of our youth fail to realize the necessity of earnestly employing their faculties to do what is best at all times and under all circumstances. The fear of God is not before their eyes; nor are their thoughts pure and elevated.

All of heaven is cognizant of every thought and every deed. Your companions may perhaps not witness your actions; yet, all of them stand revealed before the gaze of the angels. Angels are commissioned to minister to those who stand aloof from Satan's snares and strive to overcome every wrong habit.

Unwavering Integrity: In the histories of Joseph, Daniel, and his companions, we observe how the golden chain of truth binds young people to the throne of God. They could not be tempted to deviate from the path of their integrity. They valued God's favor above the praise and patronage of princes; God loved them and spread His shield over them. Because of their unwavering integrity–and their resolve to honor God above all human authority–the Lord openly honored them in the sight of men. They were honored by the Lord God of Hosts, who holds dominion over all the works of His hands, both in the heavens above and on the earth below. These young men were not ashamed to reveal their true colors. Even within the royal court, through their words, their habits, and their actions, they openly professed their faith in the Lord, the God of Heaven. They refused to submit to any earthly decree that would compromise the honor due to God. They received strength from Heaven to bear witness to their unwavering allegiance to God.

You must prepare yourselves to follow the example of such noble youth. Never be ashamed of your true colors; rather, wear them openly in the sight of both men and angels. Do not allow yourselves to be swayed by a false prudence that would tempt you to walk a path contrary to this counsel. With the firm resolve that Christ Himself shall sit enthroned within the temple of your soul, proclaim your faith through your upright speech, steadfast conduct, and piety; and lay your talents completely at His feet, that they may be utilized in His service.

Complete Consecration: It is most excellent to surrender yourself entirely to the side of righteousness–both for your present and eternal well-being, and so that the world may know exactly where you stand. Many have not fully consecrated themselves to God; their wavering state serves as a source of weakness for themselves and a stumbling block to others. Lacking steadfast principle and true dedication, they are swept away by the waves of temptation–even from those things they once believed to be right. They make no earnest effort to overcome every fault, nor do they perfect a righteous character through the imputed righteousness of Christ.

Total Surrender: Possessing the religion of Christ means surrendering your all completely to God and yielding to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, moral power is bestowed upon you. The talents that were previously entrusted to you for God's service are restored, and their efficiency is greatly enhanced. Dedicating all our faculties to God greatly simplifies the complexities of life. It weakens and diminishes the thousand struggles against the turbulent passions of the natural heart. Religion serves as a golden cord that binds the souls of both young and old to Christ. Through it, those who are willing and obedient are safely guided through dark and intricate paths to the City of God.

There are young people who possess only ordinary talents. Nevertheless, through the education and discipline received under teachers who operate on the basis of high and pure principles, students may emerge from the training ground qualified for the trustworthy work to which God has called them. There are, however, young people who embrace failure because they have not resolved to overcome their natural inclinations; they fail to heed His voice as revealed in God's Word. They have not determined to guard their souls against temptation or to perform their duty amidst every perilous circumstance. They are akin to a person embarking on a dangerous journey who, by rejecting the guide or counsel that would help them escape accident and ruin, proceeds instead upon a path of certain destruction.

Understanding Your Choice: How wonderful it would be if everyone realized that they alone are the masters of their own destiny! The happiness of this life–and of the imperishable life to come–rests entirely upon you. If you are not vigilant, you may acquire friends whose influence cheapens your thoughts, your words, and your inner moral standards. You may unleash your appetites and passions, usurp authority, employ coarse language, and thereby degrade and ruin yourself by sinking to the lowest depths. If your influence serves only to defile others, you may become the very cause of the destruction of those whom you ought to have led to Christ. You may cause them to stray away from Christ, from righteousness, from holiness, and from heaven itself. At the Judgment, those who have lost their salvation will look at you and say: "Had it not been for his influence, I would not have stumbled, nor would I have scoffed at religion. He possessed the light; he knew the path to heaven; whereas I, ignorant and blindfolded, was stumbling headlong toward destruction." What answer shall we offer to such an accusation? How vital it is that each of us reflects upon where we are leading the souls entrusted to our care! Living as we do with the perspective of the eternal world, how carefully must we weigh the consequences of our influence! We must not, through our own miscalculation, forfeit our claim to eternity. Rather, we must cultivate the habit of constantly asking ourselves: "Is this action pleasing to God? What will be the impact of my conduct upon the minds of those who possess only the faintest glimmer of light and evidence regarding righteousness?"

Cry and pray

Let's continue to pray..,

God is looking for people who stand in the open and pray for the nation today. Let us sow the word of God with tears to see a great revival in our nation! Let us fight and pray with tears for the backslidden to be gathered into the flock of God! Let us cry with tears for the salvation of today's church, which is neither hot nor cold like the church of Laodicea!

G.U. Pope was one of those who performed astonishing work on the soil of Tamil Nadu. He accomplished monumental tasks–feats that would be difficult to replicate even in this modern era, characterized by vast scientific advancements. He was a preeminent scholar who enhanced the glory of the Tamil language.

Realizing that one cannot effectively carry out Christ's ministry in a foreign land without first mastering its language, he began studying Tamil while still in England.

In 1839, he arrived in Chennai (Madras) in South India. Subsequently, he established the center of his ministry in a place called Sawyerpuram, located in the Tirunelveli district. He mastered numerous languages with great proficiency, including Hebrew, Greek, Latin, Tamil, English, Sanskrit, Telugu, Kannada, and Malayalam.

He founded the Sawyerpuram Seminary specifically for the Christian community of Tamil Nadu. Through his tireless efforts, congregations were established in 96 different villages. As a result, 1,100 people prepared themselves to receive baptism. Schools were also constructed in the surrounding villages.

Despite performing such immense service for the local people, he faced numerous hardships. In some villages, he was denied entry altogether. On one occasion, while he was preaching, a woman dissolved cow dung in water and poured it over him. He endured all these tribulations–bearing every suffering–out of his unwavering faith in Christ and in the hope that the people would eventually recognize and respond to that love.

He authored a vast number of books, most notably translating the *Thirukkural* into English. Having served as a pastor throughout his entire life, he passed away and ascended to his heavenly abode on this very day–February 11th–at the age of 88.

Dear Friend! Do you harbor a desire to achieve great things in and through Christ?

Blessed are all who take refuge in Him.

Psalm 2:12